



"Return to Me... and I will return to you,
says the LORD of hosts"

Zechariah 1:3

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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 3:1-10 ESV

Message: Joshua the High Priest ... and a Branch

Response Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf

Our Sunday services at a glance

In-Person Sunday Services

8.30am Mandarin service

9.00am Hokkien service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm English service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

Join us on Livestream

www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream

8.30am Mandarin service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

Zoom Livestream (ID: 83150901877)

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

Bible Study Groups (To join via Zoom, please register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

8.45am DHF 1A (in English, for all nationalities) in person in Room 103

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) hybrid, in person in The Living Room and via zoom

2.30pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) via zoom

8.45pm DHF 1B (in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-ud

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp (94225703)

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8:30am & 10:30am)

Ps Dev Menon (4:30pm)

8:30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10:30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

4:30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand)	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien)	9751 1897
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, Women's Worker	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, Home Missions	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Joshua the High Priest ... and a Branch

Zechariah 3:1-10

19 February 2023

Mr Quek Tze-Ming / Ps Dev Menon

Introduction

Joshua the High Priest has a Problem

Joshua the High Priest gets a Make-Over

Joshua the High Priest is a Sign

Conclusion:

“I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day” (v. 9)

“every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.” (v. 10)

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. In the vision, what is Joshua’s problem? Answer by explaining: what the setting of the vision is; what Joshua’s filthy garments mean; and what Satan the accuser is doing.
2. How does God respond to Joshua’s problem (vv. 2-5)? In what ways are Joshua and his priest friends a sign for this “Branch” (v. 8)?
3. When does God fulfil his promise to remove sin in a single day (v. 9)? Read Heb 10.11-14.
4. In what ways does this vision encourage you and your church community?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Christianity Explored (CE) - Training for table hosts begins this Wednesday, 22 Feb. Pray for a fruitful time of learning as we consider our role in evangelism, what it involves, and how we can be helping others take steps closer to Christ. The 7-week course begins on 15 March.

Living Room (LR) - The LR has been one of our key ministries in engaging and reaching our neighbours and our community with the Gospel. Thank God for the LR staff and the many outreach efforts we had across congregations. Pray also for the ongoing plans to grow deeper relationships through regular visitations. As we yearn for God's Kingdom to reach the weary, the hungry and the lonely, pray for our hearts to be stirred and that we will step out with boldness, ready to partner with His Spirit where we see Him already working.

Our World

Turkey / Syria – In the Straits Times (15 Feb), the Turkey earthquakes have been called “the disaster of the century” by President Erdogan. Last Thursday, the death toll in Turkey alone was already over 35,000 and in Syria the United Nations reported that over 5,500 have died. This toll is rising each day. Thank God for the tremendous rescue efforts that have been undertaken by both government and volunteer crews to save individuals trapped under rubble in Turkey. And in Syria, Zion Bishan's partner in Lebanon organised a 4 bus and truck convoy to bring blankets, mattresses, can food and other aid to churches in Aleppo, Syria. They travelled from Lebanon last Thursday for a very long time in order to reach to reach Aleppo on

Friday. Thank God they were able to distribute blankets and food to various people outside by the roads, or in various centres. They were able to also pray with many and bring encouragement to those affected. Sister KY is also serving with Habibi International, in this region. Habibi is raising \$100,000 to provide aid to the Syrians forcibly displaced by the earthquake. Pray for God to provide the resources for all these aid efforts and for Christians to demonstrate God's love in the areas affected.

India – In the Northeast, pray for our partner's men conference starting next week to be God honouring and edifying, where men will be equipped for life and service. Another partner has requested prayer for God's guidance so that a Christian burial ground may be acquired from local villages and authorities. Give thanks that one partner that works in the Hindi Belt is able to celebrate 25 years of faithful service in this challenging field. Pray that God will continue to bless the work so that disciples can be made until Jesus' return.

Nepal – Pray for church team currently visiting our partners. Pray for protection as they travel and also from illness. May the time they spend with our partner be life-giving for both our team and the community of believers there. Pray especially for a fruitful time between the young adults and our partner's youth community. May they be encouraged to take hold of their identity as sons and daughters of our heavenly Father and to live out of the assurance of His love and provision.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Private Livestream*	12	
English Service 8:30am	157	551.00
English Service 10:30am	489	
English Service 4:30pm	232	
Chinese Service Livestream#	28	
ZBCS 32 nd Anniversary Service	203	3,712.00
Tamil Service	9	546.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1149	\$4,809.00

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$54,708.33
BSF Men & Women	\$1,799.64
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$61,316.97

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$4,631.60
Weekly Total	\$4,631.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,461,061.53

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby spoke at the Zion Serangoon BP Church's Family Conference on 18 Feb.
2. Congratulations to Lee Jen Wei & Hong Hui Shi who were joined together in holy matrimony on 18 Feb 2023!

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To give towards the

Land Lease Renewal Fund: General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque)

Looking Ahead

Friday, 24 Feb

8:00pm: Prayer Meeting

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)

Saturday, 25 Feb

4:00pm: Youth Fellowship

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf)

Sunday, 26 Feb

Worship Services at **8:30am, 10:30am**
and **4:30pm**
– *ECM (1-3pm)*

Zechariah Series:

26 Feb – A Golden Lampstand

Ps Vernon (All 3 Services)

05 Mar – Flying Scroll and Flying Basket

Ps Zhiwen (8:30am & 10:30am);

Ps Dev (4:30pm)

12 Mar – Four Chariots and a Crown

Quek Tze-Ming

(8:30am & 10:30am);

Ps Dev (4:30pm)

19 Mar – True Fasting

Danny Chua (All 3 Services)

Your Response

19 February 2023

*Thank you for joining us today!
If there's anything you would
like the church to know, do
reach out to us online or via
email.*

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of encouragement

*You may find our response form
www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf*

*Or email us at
office@zionbishan.org.sg*

*Confidential care & counselling
matters, please email
care@zionbishan.org.sg*

*Please note that the church will
retain and use your submitted
data as needed to process your
indicated response.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE

Creating a Sunday Gospel Culture

One of the key pillars of our vision is to #getreal: to create a “Gospel Culture”. That is to say, we are so convicted about the welcoming love of God, that we allow one another to be sinners. We open up to one another – with all our failings and weaknesses. We share our struggles, and we confess our sins and then we pray with and for one another.

A few years ago, we emphasised that this should happen mainly in our AGs – in 321 groups. These groups, where 3 brothers or sisters intentionally gather over a 2 hour meal, once a month, are meant to create the time and space for us to #getreal with one another. This has worked to some extent, and has been transformative for certain AGs that were primarily ‘intellectual’ in nature.

However, as we reflected upon this, if we want to create a gospel culture for the whole church, this cannot be restricted to the AG 321 groups. It has to happen at our main gatherings – i.e. our Sunday Worship Services. **Whatever happens on a Sunday, is what sets the culture for the church.** I think that is very clear.

As such, we are now encouraging each of the congregations to make more time and space for the members present to engage with one another. There is corporate prayer, where we take a short time to share and pray for each other – and that is helpful to break the ice, to get everyone used to talking to one another in spiritual terms.

But if we want to truly engage, we need a much longer and more intentional setting. Basically we need to do what we do at a 321, on a Sunday: take at least a couple of hours over a meal, to get to know one another, share with one another, pray with and for one another. So far there is #dinnerchurch and #830brunch, and we are beginning to look into other regular meals for all the congregations.

It’s not just about organising meals but learning how to use them as platforms to welcome one another as the sinners we are. We need to train ourselves to engage with one another every time the saints’ meet. We need to *train ourselves* to share our struggles, confess our sins, and bring our weakness to Jesus Christ in prayer. This is what should happen *every time the saints’ gather*. We learn this – when it happens on a Sunday.

Announcements

ZECHARIAH BOOKLETS

Booklets with the Zechariah passages and note-taking space are available at the registration table, for \$1 each. Please PayNow to the QR code printed when you take the booklets.

EXPLORE INTERNSHIP

Got a long break between NS/Poly/Uni? The EXPLORE Internship will run for 10 weeks from 14 Mar - 23 May. Over the internship, you will get to learn about God and His work through Bible studies, ministry involvement, and topical workshops. Get in touch with Joel (joel@zionbishan.org.sg) or Vanessa (vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg) to sign up, or for more information.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Calling all men to register and join us for this Men's Ministry event:

Topic: The Danger of One

Speaker: Pastor David Wong, *General Secretary, BPCIS (Pre-recorded)*

Date: Sat, 25 Feb 2023

Time: 8:00 am – 9:30 am

Venue: Zion Bishan Chapel L4



<https://tinyurl.com/MM-EG-2023-Feb>

oneonone

ZION BISHAN CHURCH CAMP 2023

16-19 June @ Aston Batam

Speaker: Pastor David Wong

Sign up by TODAY for early bird to save \$30:

<https://event.actexplorer.com/>

(Password: ZBBP2023)

Registration closes on **5 Mar**.

All enquiries to ZBCamp2023@gmail.com

EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2023 (for Budget Approval)

ECM 2023 for budget approval is on **Sun, 26th Feb 2023 at 1pm** at the **Main Sanctuary**.

All communicant members (above 21 years old) are encouraged to attend in person.

However, if you are unable to be present, you may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on your behalf.

All members should have received the Notice of Meeting, Proxy Form and Financial Statement via email by today. If not, please email office@zionbishan.org.sg to request a copy.

DEVELOPING THE CHRISTIAN LEARNER

Framing & reframing educational perspectives for & with our young

4 Mar 2023, Sat, 10 - 11:30am at MPH

Speaker: Mrs Mary Seah

(Senior Educator, Zion member)

- How do our young view learning?
- What conflicting messages are our young getting and how are these hindering them from being joyful learners?

Parents and those who are interested in the learning journey, do come, and engage with the different frames that define the educational worldviews of our young people, and explore how we could work with them to reframe these through our Christian faith.

Sign up with Lydia at [83383982](tel:83383982)

Organised by WOZ

BARRICADED AREAS AT THE DRIVEWAY OF CARPARK

Kindly note that two areas at the driveway of the carpark have been barricaded due to damages on the flooring. We appreciate all drivers to maneuver carefully if you need to drop off. Our apologies for the inconvenience caused.